

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-14, 18-25, and 29-38 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 5-14, 18-24 and 36 are allowed. Claims 25, 37 and 38 are amended as shown on pp. 2-10 of the Reply to clarify their statutory class. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in the specification (as shown in U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0147275) at paragraphs [0085]-[0090].

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 25 and 29-35 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 25 and 29-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendment to claim 25 to recite "a processor," clearly placing the claimed subject matter within statutory bounds in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

II. Rejection of Claims 37 and 38 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 37 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to claims 37 and 38 set forth above to recite "[a]n article of manufacture tangibly embodying . . .," clearly placing the claimed subject matter within statutory bounds in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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